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Dear Oberd,

Thanks you for your letter of some time ago + for your kind words. Needless to say that it has been a pleasure, both from the point of view of intellectual stimulus and of personal contact, to have you here, and have the occasional visits by your wife. Everybody in the Lab shares this feeling.

I said that I was wondering whether it would be useful to write the Indian High Commissioner (Mrs. Nehru) and call Her attention to how India mismanages the problem of keeping Her best + most promising scientists. Could you give me absolutely exact information on your case in the form of a chronological list: e.g. your position, your first leave of absence, its renewals + what they really told you when you asked to go to the U.S.A + for how long.

The smallest omission or inexactitude would damn the whole case, so please be careful and whenever you have the slightest doubt, mention this. I shall let you see a draft before sending it on.

I am sure you had a most interesting time in Cold Spring Harbor. What I should not understand

from your letter is whether Yanovsky's suppressor (which alters the primary structure of the enzyme) is intra-cistron or in a different cistron. As you know Crick is working hard (?) on this problem.

All the best to you + remember me to Alan Garen.

Yours

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P.S.- We had the Haldanes here. He is still alright (though still enjoying making terrific fusses for nothing) but she has definitely deteriorated with age.